## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**ADULT** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, a person aged 18 or over.

**AMERICAN INDIAN** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who

**or** maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

ALASKAN NATIVE

**ARREST RATE** The number of arrests for Part I and Part II offenses for each unit of population,

generally per 1,000.

**ASIAN or** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia,

the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example: China,

India, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.

**BLACK** A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa, characterized by

dark skin pigmentation.

**CLEARANCE** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, the solution to a particular crime, usually by

the arrest of the offender.

**CLEARED BY ARREST** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, an offense is cleared when the offender has

been identified, sufficient evidence has been obtained to formally charge and the

offender has been ordered to appear in court.

**CRIME INDEX**The total of the seven major offenses used to measure the extent, fluctuation and

distribution of crime in a geographical area. The following crimes make up the index: Murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle

theft; these offenses are referred to as Index offenses.

**CRIME RATE** The number of Index offenses reported for each unit of population per 1,000.

**CRIMES AGAINST** 

**PACIFIC ISLANDER** 

**PERSONS** 

Consists of the following Index offenses: Murder, rape, and aggravated assault.

**CRIMES AGAINST** 

**PROPERTY** 

Consists of the following Index offenses: Robbery, burglary, larceny-theft, and motor

vehicle theft.

**DAY** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, the hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**ETHNIC ORIGIN** Having or originating from linguistic or cultural ties with a specific group.

**EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, an offense is cleared exceptionally when an

offender has been identified or located and sufficient evidence to charge has been obtained, but there is some reason beyond police control that prohibits the offender

from being brought before the court.

**HIERARCHY RULE** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, each crime or attempted crime is counted in

only one offense category. If several offenses are committed, simply glance down the list of Part I offenses and stop at the first offense recognized from the facts given; this

offense is the correct classification for this criminal activity.

HISPANIC A person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish

culture or origin, regardless of race.

**JUVENILE** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, a person under the age of 18.

**JUVENILE CLEARANCE** Those crimes where the offenders are identified as juveniles.

**NIGHT** For Uniform Crime Reporting purposes, the hours from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

**NONVIOLENT CRIME** Consists of the following Index offenses: Burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle

theft.

**POPULATION** Is the year-round population of the municipality shown in the most recent State

population estimates published by the Department of Labor, except that in the year of

promulgation of a Federal decennial census, the census figures shall be used.

**RESORT MUNICIPALITY** Is a municipality which, because of its recreational, entertainment or amusement

characteristics or facilities or its close proximity to such characteristics or facilities, experiences a total increase during the seasonal period in the number of persons

temporarily resident therein of 25 percent or more of its population.

**SEASONAL POPULATION** Is the average of the estimated number of persons temporarily resident in the

municipality during the three consecutive months when the temporary population is

greatest.

**TEMPORARY RESIDENT** Means the occupying for any period of time during the seasonal period by any person

not counted as a resident of the municipality for population purposes of an

accommodation in a rented residential unit or vacation home.

**UNFOUNDED** Classification of reported crimes that are found to be false or baseless.

**VIOLENT CRIME** Consists of the following Index offenses: Murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated

assault.

**WHITE** A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the

Middle East.